GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CULTURAL AND MORAL POLICING
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware about increasing incidents of cultural and moral policing in the country;

(b) if so,the reaction the Government to such incidents;

(c) whether the Government has probed the violation of Human Rights in such incidents;

(d) the details of such incidents in the country in the last three years and in the current year; and

(e) whether the Government proposes any steps to check such incidents in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (e): Cultural and moral policing have not been defined in the Indian Penal Code.However, 'Police' is a State subject as per Seventh Scheduled of the Constitution of India and it is for the State Governments to probe into such incidents.For protection of human rights and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto,NHRC has been set up under the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993.Eighteen States have also set up SHRCs in their States.